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British Labor and Schools A Definite Policy Adopted

R. H. TAWNEY, British Labor party economist, in a recent lecture in the United States described the policy of the British labor movement toward education, saying that it was a program that might take generations to realize.

Tawney said public education in England during the last thirty years had been revolutionized, but was still behind that in the United States in several respects.

The new thing in education during the last decade in England, Tawney went on, was that a demand for improvement of educational facilities was coming from the rank and file of manual workers, while in the nineteenth century educational reform had come from above.

Programs for educational reconstruction pressed by labor organizations and for adult education through the Workers' Educational Association, he continued, were phases of this new idea in education.

"The social aspirations which have created the industrial and political labor movements," Tawney said, "have had as their counterpart the growth of an educational idealism which regards the widest possible extension of educational facilities as the indispensable condition of realizing the type of social order which it is the purpose of those movements to bring into existence."

English System Developed Late

He said the fundamental difference between American and English education was that public education in England developed late in the history of "an old and stratified society," and had to struggle for generations to overcome a traditional social environment.

"The pressure of economic interests," he continued, "limited the school life, and even in our own day has prevented the establishment of the system of universal and compulsory continuation school for which provision was made by the education act of 1918."

"The task to which the labor movement feels that it is called in handling public education is that rather of an iconoclast than of a conservative. Having taken part for many years in educational administration and worked in close touch with schools and universities, members of the party are well aware that the quality of an educational system cannot be modified by a stroke of the pen."

Looking Up for Farmers David Friday Sees Hope

AMERICAN agriculture has just turned a corner—the final turn to the right that leads out of the slough of depression into the high road of prosperity," said David Friday, noted economist, in a recent address.

"Agriculture," he said, "has been in a state of depression almost four years. Crops and weather conditions here and abroad have once more produced a phenomenal rise in prices of cotton, wool and corn. It is a hopeful sign for the future of agriculture that this increase has not come about as the result of any political action, but of more fundamental causes which are likely to continue for some years."

He called attention to the fact that there are now only 15 per cent more persons engaged in agriculture than there were in 1900, "yet they bring forth 40 per cent more product, measured in actual physical units, than were produced in 1900."

Friday assailed as "arrant nonsense" any impression that the American farmer has been going from bad to worse in the last few years, calling attention particularly to the rise in value of farm lands from 1900 to 1910. This ten-year increase, he said, was from \$13,000,000,000 in 1900 to more than \$28,000,000,000 in 1910.

"Today," he continued, "after the decline of the last four years, it still stands approximately \$40,000,000,000. Farmers, like other people, bid for land at higher prices because they can sell the produce which they grow upon that land at a profit. The American farmer knows this. He does not belong to an impoverished peasant class. He is a member of an industry which has done well by him in the past, and which promises him increased progress and well-being in the future."

The street car conductor examined Mrs. Casey's transfer thoughtfully, and then said, meekly: "This transfer expired an hour ago, lady."

Whereupon Mrs. Casey, moving on, replied: "This no wonder it has expired, with not a single ventilator in the whole car."

Survival of the Fittest

Just What Is Religion?

By CLARK KINNARD

TO survive, every species of creature must fulfill two conflicting requirements, it was held by Herbert Spencer. During a certain period each member must receive benefits in proportion to its incapacity. After that period, it must receive benefits in proportion to its capacity.

"Obviously this law that the least worthy shall receive most aid is essential as a law for the immature; the species would disappear in a generation did not parents conform to it," he comments.

"Now mark what is, contrariwise, the law for the mature. Here individuals gain benefits proportionate to their merits. The strong, the swift, the keen-sighted, the sagacious, profit by their respective superiorities—catch prey or escape enemies, as the case may be. The less capable thrive less, and on the average of cases rear fewer offspring. The least capable disappear by failure to get food or from inability to escape.

"And by this process is maintained that quality of the species which enables it to survive in the struggle for existence with other species. There is, thus, during mature life, a reversal of the principle that rules during immature life."

"Clearly," he points out, "with a society as with a species, survival depends on conformity to both of these antagonistic principles. Import into the family the laws of the society, and let children from infancy upwards have life-sustaining supplies proportioned to their life-sustaining labors, and the society disappears forthwith by death of all its young. Import into the society the law of the family, and let the life-sustaining supplies be great in proportion as the life-sustaining labors are small, and the society decays from increase of its least worthy members and decrease of its most worthy members. It fails to hold its own in the struggle with other societies, which allow play to the natural law that prosperity shall vary as efficiency."

Hence the necessity Spencer sees of maintaining this cardinal distinction between the ethics of the family and the ethics of the State. Hence the fatal result if family disintegration goes so far that family-policy and state-policy become confused.

"However fitly in the battle of life among adults the proportioning of award to merits may be tempered by private sympathy in favor of the inferior, nothing but evil can result if this proportion is so interfered with by public arrangements that demerit profits at the expense of merit," Spencer decides.

WHAT IS RELIGION?

Tolstoi's answer is: "Religion is a certain relation established by man between his separate personality and the infinite universe or its Source."

He adds: "Morality is the ever-present guide of life which results from that relation."

Attempts to found a morality apart from religion are seen by Tolstoi as like what children do when, wishing to transplant a flower that pleases them, they pluck it from the roots that do not please, and seem to them superfluous, and stick it rootless into the ground.

"Without religious roots there can be no real, sincere morality; just as without roots there can be no real flowers," he concludes.

"The dictates of secular morality not based on a religious teaching are just like the action of a man who, though ignorant of music, should take the conductor's seat and begin to wave his arms before the experienced musicians who were performing," Tolstoi comments. "The music would continue for awhile by its own momentum, and because of what the musicians had learned from former conductors, but evidently the waving of the stick by a man ignorant of music would not merely be useless, but it would in course of time certainly confuse the musicians and disorganize the orchestra."

"A similar confusion begins to take place in people's minds in consequence of attempts made to teach people a morality not founded on that highest religion."

"It is indeed desirable to have moral teaching un-mixed with superstition, but the fact is that moral teaching is the result of a certain relation man holds toward the universe or toward God. If that relation is expressed in forms which seem to us superstitious, we should, to right the matter, try to express the relations more reasonably, clearly and exactly, or even to destroy the former relation (now become inadequate) of man to the universe, and to substitute for it one that is higher, clearer, and more reasonable; but we should in no case devise a so-called secular, non-religious morality founded on sophistry, or simply founded on nothing at all."

Lines—By Emily Dickinson

A poor torn heart, a tattered heart, That sat it down to rest, Nor noticed that the ebbing day Flowed silver to the west, Nor noticed night did soft descend Nor constellation burn, Intent upon the vision Of latitudes unknown.

The angels, happening that way, The dusty heart espied; Tenderly took it up from toil And carried it to God. There—sandals for the barefoot; There—gathered from the gales, Do the blue heavens by the hand Lead the wandering sails!

OH, THAT'S DIFFERENT!

There was only one telephone booth in the store and the tall and aggressive person waiting to call became impatient at the unconscionably long time taken in the booth by the meek little chap with side whiskers.

"See here," shouted the tall person, thrusting his head into the booth and addressing the occupant thereof, "You've had that phone twenty minutes and not said a word!"

"Sir," returned the meek one, "I am talking to my wife."

Parties Strive for Colorado; Two Senators' Seats at Stake



Alva Adams (left) and Lawrence Phipps

By JOHN T. LEWING JR. Central Press Correspondent.

CHICAGO—The most important state in the union to the managers of the senatorial campaigns of the respective parties is Colorado. There two senators will be elected in November.

Colorado is now represented by Senator Alva Adams, Democrat, and Senator Lawrence Phipps, Republican, but instead of each one of the incumbents running for one of the vacancies, Senator Adams is in the lists against Senator Phipps for the long term.

A number of other candidates on both tickets are in the field for the other seat.

Colorado is the state getting the most attention from the campaign directors in the west.

The Republican senators who seem surest of re-election are principally from the middle west. Included in that list are Senators William E. Borah, Idaho; Arthur Capper, Kansas; George N. Norris, Nebraska; James E. Cousens, Michigan; Smith W. Brookhart, Iowa. Then there is Gov. W. H. McMaster of South Dakota, who won the nomination from Senator Thomas W. Sterling, one of the old guardsmen defeated in the primaries.

One western state where the Republicans ordinarily would not have much of a chance, but where they figure they may win out as a result of Democratic factional troubles, is Oklahoma. J. C. Walton, former governor, who was impeached and ousted from office, won his senatorial nomination on a straight-out anti-Klan issue, and is being opposed by W. C. Fine, who was endorsed by the Klan. Considerable attention attaches to the senatorial situation in Montana, by reason of the fact that Senator Thomas J. Walsh, permanent chairman of the Democratic national convention, is being supported by his present Democratic senatorial colleague, Burton K. Wheeler, who is the vice-presidential nominee on the Independent ticket headed by Senator Robert M. La Follette of Wisconsin.

"The new justice of the peace was serving on his first day."

"The next case," began the clerk, "is that of Frederick Smith, alias Jones, alias Robinson, charged with assault and battery."

"The new justice was not to be rushed, however. 'One at a time, one at a time,' he cautioned. 'And first the women. Bring in Elsie Jones.'"

TORRANCE THEATRE

6:30—Performances—8:30

Tonight—Sept. 16—One Night Only Jacqueline Logan and Percy Marmont in "THE LIGHT THAT FAILED" "Telephone Girl" Series No. 5

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Sept. 17, 18, 19—

Lillian Gish in

"THE WHITE SISTER"

A picture that no one can afford to miss. Newsyvents

Saturday, Sept. 20—

Hoot Gibson in

"THE RAMBLING KID"

"The Fortieth Door" Chapter No. 4

Century comedy: "Young Tenderfoot." Aesop's Fables

HE KNEW! HE KNEW!

The small boy of the household was not notably proficient in sacred lore, but when his sister asked him "Where was Solomon's temple?" he indignantly resented the supposed impeachment of his stock of information, and replied: "Don't you think I know anything?"

She assured him that she did not doubt that he knew, but urged him to state for her benefit.

Though not crediting his sincerity, he finally exclaimed curtly: "On the side of his head, of course, where other folks' are! D'you s'pose I'm a fool?"

WANTED HIS SHARE

The mother—of little Mike O'Grady stopped the doctor as he was leaving Mrs. Smith's house. "I suppose yer gittin' a good fee, sir, for attendin' on the rich Smith boy," she said. "Well, yes, I get a pretty good fee," he answered. "But why are you asking?"

"Well, I 'one yer won't forget that my little Alky threw the brick that 'it' 'im."

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- Business directory listing: Austin and Austin, Beacon Drug Store No. 7, OSTEOPATHY, Drs. Bruce & Lynd, Consolidated Lumber Co., Dolley Drug Company, Day and Night Garage, First National Bank, Gilbert, Hansen & Page, Golden West Cafe, "House of Parr Values", Huddleston's, Mrs. Fanny C. King, Maude R. Chambers, Top's Bakery, J. Lepkin, La Planta's Studio.

Advertisement for Paige's Quality Grocery featuring a cartoon of a man reading a book titled 'EVERYTHING TO SATISFY THE FASTIDIOUS BUT CONSERVATIVE BUYER'. Text includes 'TURN OVER A NEW PAIGE' and 'AGROCER TO THE PEOPLE'.

- Business directory listing: "Paxman's", Priscilla Beauty Shop, Palmer Service Station, Paige's Quality Grocery, W. L. Reeve, O. W. Stone, Smith's Cafe, Torrance Hardware Co., Torrance Mill, Torrance Plumbing Co., Torrance Cleaners & Dyers, Torrance Laundry Co., E. N. Tomkins, Torrance Herald Office, Torrance Pharmacy, Vonthrockat Building Co., Van Andle's Specialty Shop.